



A Guide to the ASO Transition:

Changes at a Glance (Early Dec. edition)

Effective January 1, 2020, Optum Maryland will be the ASO for Maryland's Public Behavioral Health System. Please find more information on our website: health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition

Payment Updates (more in recent Provider Alert [Here](#)):

- New Payer ID: OMDBH
- AT THIS TIME, we still anticipate that there will be 3-6 weeks of paper checks *for all providers*
 - Please update your "pay to" address in ePREP as soon as possible.
- For mental health services, providers will need to use the "UA" modifier to indicate that the participant is under 18 years of age. The following provider types need to use the modifier for under-18 patients for the specific CPT codes:
 - MC (Outpatient Mental Health Center) for the following billing codes: 90791, 90792, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90839, 90840, 90846, 90847, 90849, 90853, S9480.
 - PR (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program) providing respite services to children and adolescents for billing service code H0045.
- New Address for Filing Paper Claims: Optum Maryland, P.O. Box 30531, Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Releases of Information:

- All SUD providers or providers treating individuals with a primary diagnosis of SUD, **MUST OBTAIN AN UPDATED ROI IMMEDIATELY.**
- **Even if you have a current ROI on file, a new release is required before January 1, 2020.**
 - ROI forms ([Linked here](#)) must be faxed to Optum at (855)-293-5407
 - For ROI-related questions, please contact Karl Steinkraus at karl.steinkraus@optum.com

OMHC Updates:

- At this time, Medicaid is not implementing a requirement for OMHCs to include rendering provider. OMHCs do not need to continue to enroll the LC level of licensure with ePREP.
- MDH is evaluating the impact of the requirement that only the Medical Director to be enrolled, but are not ready to implement that change.
- The Department will more clearly outline the next steps for providers with advanced notice of 60 days before requiring change.

Training sessions are now live! Check the ASO Transition site for links to sign up. YOU MUST BE TRAINED AND REGISTERED WITH OPTUM'S PORTAL in order to submit claims and receive payment.

Access the latest information and FAQs on the MDH BHASO transition website: health.maryland.gov/mdh-aso-transition. Direct transition-related questions to 1-800-888-1965 or mdh.bhasotransition@maryland.gov.